Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Gloria Smith-Rockhold fell in love with learning while in grade school and continued that success in high school, when, in 1961, she graduated from Salem High School as the class valedictorian; and,

Whereas, In 1965, Gloria graduated from South Dakota State University with a Foreign Language major in French and German, was on the Dean's List every semester, and was a member of several honorary societies and student government; and,

Whereas, In 1981, Gloria graduated from the University of South Dakota with a Master of Art Degree in Adult and Higher Education Administration, and completed major coursework for a Master of Art Degree in English; and,

Whereas, Gloria worked at Dakota Wesleyan University for 22 years, teaching English, German, and French, and also administered several federal grants; and,

Whereas, Gloria worked in the Department of Education's Office of Career and Technical Education for nearly 14 years, beginning as the State Equity Coordinator, moving to Assistant Director at which time she was given a bull whip to keep everyone in line, and finally serving as Interim State Director; and,

Whereas, Throughout Gloria's career, she has demonstrated her commitment to others though active involvement in Delta Kappa Gamma teachers' honorary society, the American Association of University Women, National Perkins Administrator Organization, National Association of State Directors of Career and Technical Education Consortium, and as a member, officer, and choir member of Resurrection Lutheran Church; and,

Whereas, Gloria's strengths, organizational skills, and harmony have been key in the success of Career and Technical education statewide; and,

Whereas, Gloria made the decision to retire on October 23, 2008, after a long and devoted career to planting seeds of success through education:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 28, 2008, as

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in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to join her colleagues, family, and friends in thanking Gloria for her outstanding leadership in the education of so many South Dakota students and instructors.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State